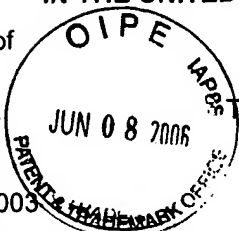


## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Atty Dkt. 3659-78  
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Steven BERNARD et al.



C/A.U. 1723

Serial No. 10/748,135

Examiner: KIM, Sun U.

Filed: December 31, 2003

Date: June 8, 2006

Title: HOLLOW FIBER FILTER FOR EXTRACORPOREAL BLOOD CIRCUIT

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

☐ **Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.****Fees are attached as calculated below:**

Total effective claims after amendment	15	minus highest number			
previously paid for	20	(at least 20) =	0	x \$50.00	\$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$ 0.00

Independent claims after amendment	2	minus highest number			
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If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, (ignore improper); add

\$360.00 (1203)/\$180.00 (2203) \$ 0.00

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One Month Extension	\$120.00 (1251)/\$60.00 (2251)	
Two Month Extensions	\$450.00 (1252)/\$225.00 (2252)	
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Five Month Extensions	\$2160.00 (1255)/\$1080.00 (2255)	\$ 60.00

Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add

\$130.00 (1814)/\$65.00 (2814) \$ 0.00

☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

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## Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/748,135  
Examiner: KIM, Sun U.

First Named Applicant: Steven Bernard  
Art Unit: 1723 Status of Application: Non-Final Action

### Tentative Participants:

(1) Jeff Nelson (2) Ex. Kim  
(3) (4)

Proposed Date of Interview: June 27, 2006 Proposed Time: 11:00 AM (AM/PM)

### Type of Interview Requested:

(1) [ ] Telephonic (2) [x] Personal (3) [ ] Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: [x] YES [ ] NO

If yes, provide brief description: Prior Art Filter Header Samples

## Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) Rej. 112	7, 1-6, 7-15, 3-4, 8	Art	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
(2) 102	1-2, 5-6	Spranger, Patterson	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
(3) Obj.	14		[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
(4) 103	3-4	Spranger	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
[ ] Continuation Sheet Attached					

### Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

Response to Outstanding Office Action that is being filed, and

Filter Header samples do not disclose claimed invention, Fig. 14 to be labeled as prior art,

Spranger and Patterson show wide potting rim and do not show claimed invention.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on \_\_\_\_\_.

**NOTE:** This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

Applicant's Representative Signature  
Jeffry Nelson

Examiner/SPE Signature

Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative

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Registration Number, if applicable

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